

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 23 and 24;

please cancel claims 4, 6 and 10-22 and 26; and

please add claim 27.

**Listing of claims:**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A therapeutic composition for treating skin diseases comprising:

a substantially pure powder of a fresh water sponge of the species *Spongilla lacustris* substantially pure powdered *Spongilla*-sp. made in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, wherein said therapeutic composition is not an extract of said substantially pure powdered *Spongilla*-sp comprises insoluble material of said substantially pure powder of *Spongilla lacustris* and wherein said insoluble material comprises skeletal spicules.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (ORIGINAL) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said skin disease is selected from the group consisting of acne vulgaris, rosacea, seborrheic dermatitis, atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, photo-aging and actinic keratosis.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (CANCELLED)

6. (CANCELLED)

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The composition according to claim [6] 1 wherein said *Spongilla lacustris* is harvest from the Arstrakian region of the Russian Federation.

8-22. (CANCELLED)

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The composition of claim 1 wherein said therapeutic composition comprises approximately at least 0.1% to approximately 100%

of said substantially pure powdered ~~Spongilla~~ sp of a fresh water sponge of the species *Spongilla lacustris*.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The composition of claim [8] 1 wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable excipient[s] is selected from the group consisting of water, glycerin, gels, oils, waxes, emollients, cleansers, fragrances, antiseptics, anesthetics, seaweed powder, coral powder, hydrogen peroxide, enzyme gel, jojoba oil and boric acid.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The composition of claim 24 wherein said water is selected from the group consisting of water for injection, irrigation water, distilled water, deionized water and floral water.

26. (CANCELED)

27. (NEW) The composition of claim 1 wherein said insoluble material comprises approximately 50% to 60% of said therapeutic composition.